

CLAIMS:

1. A bearing assembly comprising an inner ring for mounting on a shaft,
an outer ring disposed concentrically about said inner ring, a plurality of roller
elements interposed between said inner and outer rings, said inner ring including fingers
extending axially from a side thereof and terminating in outer annular end walls, a compressible
annular locking collar positioned circumferentially about said fingers, said locking collar having
a larger inside diameter and a smaller inside diameter, said larger inside diameter having an axial
length not greater than the axial length of said fingers, said larger inside diameter sized to fit over
and engage said fingers, said smaller inside diameter sized to define an annular, radially
extending wall which engages said outer annular end walls of said fingers, and said locking collar
having a fastener screw operable for causing said larger diameter of said locking collar to
compress said fingers into locking engagement with said shaft.
2. The bearing assembly of claim 1 in which said axial length of said larger inside
diameter is less than said axial length of said fingers.